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Thank you for attending the second Detour Open House for the proposed replacement of the existing bridge on State Route (SR)1/US 27 over Flat Shoal Creek, PI Number 0013941. The project is located eight (8) miles southeast of the city of La Grange, in Troup County, Georgia. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments by Friday, September 20, 2019** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu at the bottom of the page, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Submit*;
 2. Then scroll down to the project name, *SR 1/US 27 at Flat Shoal Creek Bridge Replacement* and click *View Info*
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Area 5 Office located at 1107 Hogansville Road, LaGrange, GA 30241, and at the LaGrange City Hall located at 200 Ridley Avenue, LaGrange, GA 30240. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Justin Pritchard, at (678)598-8563 or the environmental analyst, Yasmeen Qadimasil, at (404) 631-1801 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here:

The purpose of the second Public Detour Open House (PDOH) is to present information about the proposed project, and to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and comment on the proposed bridge replacement at SR 1/US 27 over Flat Shoal Creek in Troup County. The proposed project is to provide an upgraded bridge that can support the expected traffic volumes, address and accommodate 100-year flood events with an upgraded bridge, and ensure the bridge meets current design standards for vehicle use.

Project Description:

The existing bridge on State Route (SR) 1/ US 27 over Flat Shoal Creek (Structure ID 285-002-0) consists of two 12-foot lanes (one in each direction) and 2-foot shoulders. The bridge is 244 feet long and is located 8.0 miles southeast of LaGrange in Troup County, Georgia. The proposed project would replace the existing bridge at SR 1/US 27 over Flat Shoal Creek.

The proposed bridge would be constructed in-place along existed alignment, and would be 308 feet in length with two 12-foot lanes (one in each direction) and 8-foot outside shoulders. On the roadway, including the approaches, there would be two 12-foot lanes (one in each direction) and 10-foot outside shoulders (4-foot paved).

An approximate 16.3-mile off-site detour is expected during the construction of the proposed bridge, which is a 5.4-mile trip increase. The proposed detour would require traffic to travel along SR 18 and Interstate 185/SR 411. In the vicinity of the project area, there are various unofficial local roads that can serve as local detours during construction.

Project Location Map and Detour Map: See attached.

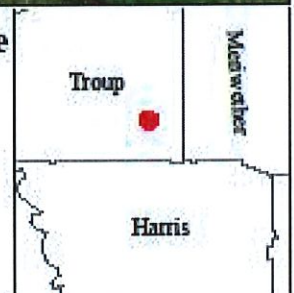


SRI/US 27 @ Flat Shoals Creek 8 mi SE of LaGrange

Troup County
PINo. 0013941

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Source: ESRI World Imagery



Detour Length is 16.3 miles vs. Original Route Length of 10.9 miles.



NOTES: The section of SR 1/US 27 containing PI No. 0013941 stretches between Interstate 185 and Pine Mountain, GA. Detouring this route to a roadway with a functional classification of Principal Arterial or better requires a 5.4 mile increase in route length.

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ **For** ☐ **Against** ☐ **Conditional** ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** _____

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

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